

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 5 wherein said base is square.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 5 wherein said base has an open side.
5. (Currently amended) A yard waste bag loading assembly accommodating a yard waste bag having a bag opening and a bag height comprising:  
  
a base having dimensions to accommodate [[a]] the yard waste bag therein, ~~the yard waste bag having an opening;~~  
  
a plurality of vertical supports extending from said base to a height ~~to-accommodate the yard waste bag greater than the bag height;~~ and  
  
a funnel hingeably secured to at least one of said plurality of vertical supports, said funnel having a mouth greater than the bag opening size;  
  
wherein said funnel comprises a support frame and a fabric wall supported from said frame.

6. (Original) The assembly of claim 5 further comprising a spout secured to said fabric wall.

7. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 5 wherein said funnel support frame is a unitary construct.

8. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 5 wherein said funnel support frame is hexagonal.

9. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 5 wherein said funnel support frame has a shape selected from the group consisting of: circular, triangular, and higher than four-sided polygonal.

10-11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim ~~10~~ 5 wherein said base is formed of tubular linear pieces joined by elbow fittings.

13. (Original) The assembly of claim 12 wherein said tubular linear pieces are plastic.

14. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 5 wherein said funnel support frame is formed of tubular linear pieces joined by elbow fittings.

15. (Original) The assembly of claim 14 wherein said tubular linear pieces are plastic.

16. (Currently amended) The assembly of claim 5 wherein a vertical support top of at least one of said plurality of vertical supports has a split tube cradle adapted to receive a portion of said funnel support frame.

17. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 5 further comprising a wheel rotatably secured to said base.

18. (Previously presented) An assembly according to claim 5 further comprising a screen bag support secured to said base.